

HOUSE BILL 610
By Harwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53,
Chapter 8 and Title 68, Chapter 14, relative to
certification of food service managers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 14, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following as a new section thereto:

68-14-328.

(a) The division of general environmental health shall adopt, by rule, food safety protection standards for the training and certification of all food service managers who are responsible for the storage, preparation, display or serving of foods to the public in food service establishments as defined in § 68-14-302. The standards adopted by the division shall be consistent with the standards for accreditation of food protection manager certification programs adopted by the conference for food protection. All managers employed by a food service establishment shall pass a test, approved by the division, and receive a certificate attesting thereto. Managers shall have a period of ninety (90) days from the first date of employment to pass the required test. The division may contract with an organization offering a training and certification program that complies with division standards.

(b) The division is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 2. For purposes of rulemaking, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.